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1) RUSSELL MADE WEEKLY VISIT TO PRISON MARCH 13 AND NOTED MUCH STRICTER RULES BEING ENFORCED REGARDING LENGTH OF VISIT, CENSORSHIP OF MAIL, RECEIPT OF PACKAGES. AS HE TALKED WITH AMERICANS PRISON DIRECTOR TOOK ASIDE FSL KARATEKIN AND EXPLAINED THESE MEASURES WERE AT ORDERS OF MINISTRY. REASON STATED WAS CONTINUING DISTRESS OVER UNFAVORABLE STORIES OF PRISON CONDITIONS APPEARING IN U.S. PRESS AND DESIRE TO TIGHTEN UP ON OUTSIDE CONTACTS.

2) DIRECTOR TELEPHONED TODAY TO SAY OUR WEEKLY "SPECIAL

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VISITS" BEING CUT BACK TO ONCE IN TWO WEEKS, THOUGH OF COURSE WE WELCOME TO JOIN OTHER VISITORS DURING REGULAR HOURS MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS. HARD TO PROTEST AT LOSING WHAT WAS PRIVILEGE RATHER THAN RIGHT, BUT IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS PLAN TO GO BACK TO DIRECTOR AND SAY WE HOPE THAT AS REAL NEEDS ARISE TWO-WEEK RULE CAN BE SOFTENED.

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